GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:259
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2016
Remuneration to State and National Level Players
Kaswan Shri Rahul;Sundaram Shri P.R.

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated a policy for providing remuneration and other facilities to the national and State level players of various games particularly kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball and basketball, etc. at par with the cricket players;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) the steps being taken by the Government for promotion of such type of sports among the youth; and
(d) the measures adopted by the Government to better the performance of the players in various international and national sports competitions by upgrading their skill and providing adequate facilities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 259 FOR ANSWER ON 03.08.2016 REGARDING REMUNERATION TO STATE AND NATIONAL LEVEL PLAYERS ASKED BY SHRI RAHUL KASWAN, SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM, HON'BLE MP
(a) to (c): The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports does not pay remuneration to players of any sports discipline. The Ministry provides financial incentives in the forms of cash awards and pension under the 'Scheme of Special Awards to Medal Winners in International Sports Events and their Coaches' and the Scheme of Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons'. Benefits of these schemes are equally applicable to the sportspersons belonging to disciplines of kabaddi and kho-kho as per the eligibility conditions prescribed in these schemes.
(d) Various schemes are already being implemented by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for promotion of excellence in sports events at national and international level.
Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) financial assistance is provided for conduct of National Championships, conduct of international tournaments in India, participation of sportspersons in international sports competitions, organizing coaching camps, engagement of foreign coaches, and procurement of sports equipments.
Under the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), financial assistance is provided for customized training of elite athletes.
Trainees under the following schemes of Sports Authority of India are provided scientific training, stipend, sports kit, competition exposure, etc. :-
(i) National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC) Scheme.
(ii) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) Scheme
(iii) SAI Training Centres (STC) Scheme
(iv) Special Area Games (SAG) Scheme
(v) Centres of Excellence (COE) Scheme.
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